



First United Methodist Church Clover, SC

The First Edition

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Mission:

We, the congregation, in humble and selfless service to God, will go forth joyfully, empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to seek out, welcome, accept, and nurture persons to become faithful and effective disciples for Jesus Christ.



Pastors Note

As June begins, I want to thank the people of First Clover United Methodist Church for your continued faithfulness, generosity, and servant-hearted spirit. Every week, I see God at work through this congregation in worship, prayer, outreach, fellowship, missions, and countless acts of compassion and encouragement. So much meaningful ministry is happening because of God's grace and your commitment to being the church together. Thank you for your prayers, service, and faithful witness as we continue sharing Christ's love in our community.

I also ask for your prayers for myself, Judy Falls, Renee Gallien, and Jason King as we represent First Clover UMC at the South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference in Greenville, **June 7–10**. This year's theme, "**See the Possibilities, Live the Promises,**" is centered on **Mark 8:22–26, where Jesus gradually heals the blind man at Bethsaida**. This passage reminds us that God continues working in and through His people, even when clarity and transformation take time. As a congregation, we continue trusting Christ to guide and strengthen us as we seek to faithfully serve our community and live out the promises of the Gospel.

June also brings wonderful opportunities for ministry and fellowship. I encourage everyone to support and attend **Vacation Bible School, June 14–17, from 5-8:30 PM**. It is more than crafts, games, and songs—it is planting seeds of faith that can last a lifetime. Please invite children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to be part of this special

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week, and continue to pray for all the volunteers, leaders, and families involved.

Additionally, I encourage everyone to attend an **informational meeting concerning the Foster Care Program through Epworth Children's Home on Thursday, June 18, at 6:30 PM in the Missions and Fellowship Center (MFC)**. The Reverend Cathy Joens will lead this discussion and share about this incredibly important and fruitful ministry. Foster care ministry is one of the clearest ways we can embody the love, compassion, and hospitality of Jesus Christ to children and families in need. Whether you feel called to foster, support foster families, volunteer, pray, or learn more, this meeting will provide meaningful insight into how God is working through Epworth Children's Home and how the Church can make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

As we move into this new month together, may we continue to see the possibilities God places before us and live into the promises of grace, hope, and new life through Jesus Christ.

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the faithful people of First Clover United Methodist Church and for the many ways You continue to work through this congregation. Guide us as we seek to see the possibilities before us and live into Your promises through Jesus Christ. Bless those attending the Annual Conference with wisdom, unity, and hope. Bless our Vacation Bible School and the ministry of Epworth Children's Home as they share Your love with children and families. Strengthen us for ministry, deepen our compassion, and remind us daily that You continue to lead us with grace and purpose. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

God Bless,

Pastor Scott

Happy Birthday to Our Homebound Angel

In June we celebrate the birthday of Melva Jones.



COME CELEBRATE LOUISE JACKSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Join us for a covered dish lunch

On June 29, 2026 at 12:00 noon

At First United Methodist Church, Clover, SC

In the Fellowship Hall

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet Monday, June 8, 2026 in room 104 at 10:00.

Forever Young & Friends

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10:30 in room 104.



Children Ministry Events

Children's Choir

Children's Choir will not meet during June and July. Thank you to all the singers and their families. We'll meet again in August.

Godly Play

June 7 - No Godly Play - Communion

June 14 The Parable of the Good Shepherd . Anna Livingston and Tammy Creech

June 21 The Parable of the Good Samaritan Hope Long and Kelly Nellums

June 28 The Parable of the Pearl Eddie Sherwood and Courtney Hastings

Tutor/Mentor Program

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank Scott Gilmer, Jay Oden, Eddie Sherwood, Renee Gallien, Bob and Sherry Gibbs, Tommy Burton, Leslee Lengyel, Laura Stanton, and Cathy Norman along with substitutes Josh and Courtney Hastings, and Judy Miller for their time and talents given on Wednesday afternoons in helping tutor the children from Larne Elementary School.

We would also like to give thanks to the Forever Young & Friends and Thrivent Group for their financial support in this wonderful community outreach.

We are now on our summer break but are looking forward to the fall to meet some new children. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Sherry Gibbs or one of the Evangelism members.

Vacation Bible School

Come with us to Rome. Join Paul and the Underground Church

June 14-17 5:00 (dinner) to 8:30 p.m. Age 4 years old through completed 5th grade

Our mission project this year is helping our sheltered furry animals.

We will be collecting items in need for the Humane Society of York County.

Purina or Pedigree dog or puppy chow

Purina Adult cat INDOOR food

Purina Kitten dry food

Kitten Wet food (chicken , turkey)

Dog Treats

Peanut Butter

Bleach or laundry detergent

Used, clean towels, blankets, sheets

Non-clumping clay litter

kitty toys

Dog toys - sturdy tug ropes

Graduates

We congratulate those students graduating this spring, Our High School graduates are Jacob Allen, AJ Dover, Clara Dover, Carter Farris and Wade Ward. Our College graduates are Lawrence Bartee, Alexis Bono, Sarah Keller and David King.



Altar Flowers

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now in place on the bulletin board near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. This is a lovely way to remember or honor your loved one, or a special day, and is also a beautiful addition to our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers, please place your name beside the date(s) you would like to reserve.

Blood Drive

Our next drive will be held on June 26 in the Mission and Fellowship Center.

Sign up today by logging on to:

oneblood.org/donate-now using Sponsor Code: 42679



Nothing But Nurture-

Nothing But Nurture- The Nurture bags will be on the table from June 7 until June 28th. They have a Patriotic theme. Please bring non-perishable items to help us fill the bags!!!

And also continue to pray for our Homebound Angels!

Card Ministry- We will gather on Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 am to write out cards. So mark your calander- all are invited to help in this important ministry!

Let's Do Lunch- Our next lunch date will be on June 25th at 12:00 noon at Clover Station. We eat right after the FYF meeting.

Our next Nurture Team Meeting is on June 11th at both 11:00 am and 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

A Minute for Missions-

As June approaches, we enjoy warmer weather. With the warmer weather we may get some storms- this reminds us of those in our community that may be going through a different kind of storm. We have opportunities to help our neighbor in need! A few ways are with prayer, a blessing bag, or a grocery bag.

Thank you to everyone who faithfully support the Food Project and the Blessing Bag Ministry! Every donation makes a big impact!

Take a minute this month and think of a way you can help someone in need 😊

Trustee Update

HVAC replacement in Gallien/Teen room upstairs. 10,647.95

Replacement and repair of back door to parsonage. 2800.00

New Projector in MFC installed - donated

Thank you



United
Women
in Faith

Attention Women--

After church on June 7th, there will be a gathering of women to discuss re-activating the United Women in Faith (UWF) unit at Clover First UMC. This gathering will be in the Sanctuary. You are invited to attend.

United Women in Faith is a world-wide organization of Christian women that take bold action to improve the lives of women, children and youth. UWF is recognized by the United Methodist Church.

In the past, there was a unit at Clover First; however, many of the officers left and the unit disbanded. There is interest in re-activating the unit and returning to the Rock Hill District UWF along with the South Carolina Conference UWF.

At this gathering, a vote will be taken to re-activate the Clover First UWF unit. There will be time for questions and answers.

Should you have questions/concerns before June 7th, please contact Barb James Burgmeier, 1-315-560-6764.

The following information is from the Rock Hill District Women in Faith Information Guide Book (used by permission).

A. Who Are We?

United Women in Faith is the current name for an organization of Christian Women who aim to take bold action to improve the lives of women, children, and youth in our communities and around the globe. Our organization had its beginning in 1869 when eight women decided to send a female doctor and a teacher to minister to the needs of women in India. Our organization has had many names over the last 156 years. United Methodist Women, Women's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and many other names. Even though we are associated with the United Methodist Church we welcome all Christian women who have a desire to join in our mission.

Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children, and youth – from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues, and more.

We seek to connect and nurture women through spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact global communities. We are a SISTERHOOD, seeking KNOWLEDGE, striving for SPIRITUAL GROWTH, and participating in MISSION through monetary giving and SOCIAL ACTION.

B. OUR PURPOSE

United Women in Faith is a community of women
whose purpose is to know God
and to experience freedom as whole persons
through Jesus Christ;
to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;
and to expand concepts of mission through participation
in the global ministries of the church.

Nursery Schedule June 2026

Enclosed is the nursery schedule for the upcoming summer months. I know that with vacations coming up your Sunday might not work in your schedule, so if you can just try to swap with someone, or let me know, we will get it covered. ***Also, beginning the first of June we will have a new procedure. If no little ones are in the nursery by 10:00 or soon afterwards, the caregivers can go up to the sanctuary to be able to be part of the worship service. If the usher who is manning to cameras in the church office lets someone in who needs a nursery worker, they will have a list of the current caregivers and their phone numbers. They will text that you are needed downstairs. If you will just sit near the back so there will be as little disturbance to the service as possible. And as always, thank you all for your willingness to care for our babies. I continue to pray that we will soon have some little ones to fill up our nursery!

8:45 Sunday School

06/07 Christine Payseur (980/253-6084)

Hope Long (803/810-2672)

06/14 Hope Long

06/21 Charlotte Dowd (803/526-1103)

Hope Long

06/28 Sarah Dover

Hope Long

07/05 Christine Payseur

Hope Long

10:00 Service

Chris Wilson (704/913-0212)

Courtney Rogers (434/579-9287)

Lindee Dover (803/627-0379)

Sarah Dover (803/610-7032)

Tommy Burton (803/230-8593)

Jeannine Wyatt ((803/810-2511)

Kelly Nellums (910/880-1758)

Hope Long

April Suh (704/315-3146)

Hope Long



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happy father's day

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am - Staff Meeting - Steve 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	2pm - Evangelism Committee - 6:30pm - Pack Leadership - Steve	10am - Empowerment Day -		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Annual Conference - Greenville	10am - Esther Circle - 104	Election - MFC 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	11am - Nurture Committee - Steve 7pm - Nurture Committee	VBS Setup 12pm - Blood Drive	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
VBS 5pm - Youth - Kitchen/MFC/Gallien	9:30am - Staff Meeting - Steve 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp 3pm - Rebekah Circle - Church	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	10:30am - Forever Young Steering 5pm - Informational Meeting on	7:30am - Food Distribution 10am - Jim Beamguard -	Food Distribution Preparation @	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5pm - UMM - MFC 5pm - Youth - Kitchen/MFC/Gallien 6pm - Trustees - Steve Camp	Election - MFC 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	10:30am - Forever Young Monthly			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
11:15pm - Children's Council - Steve Camp 5pm - Youth - Kitchen/MFC/Gallien 7pm - Admin Council	9:30am - Staff Meeting - Steve 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	8am - Suzanne T. - Kitchen/MFC				

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tommy Burton	2	3 Jane Robinson	4	5	6
7 Anniversaries: Flave & Courtney Rogers	8 Katelyn Curtin	9 Melva Jones Anniversaries: Chandler & Tina Cargill	10 Elizabeth BarTee Anniversaries: Joey and Marcy Ward	11 Rita Beanguard	12 Shelly Pierzinski	13 Jim Baker
14 David King Anniversaries: Anna & Alan Livingston	15 Charles Bridges Brian & Janet Maslankowski	16 Margie McCarter Susan Wright	17 Lauren Deal	18 Debbie Skinnell Miller	19	20 Katie Hopper
21	22 Gunner Hopper Bryan Killian Anniversaries: Sally & Daniel Joye Hank & Brooks Wofford	23 Chandler Cargill	24 Timothy McAllister Anniversaries: Ashley & Rand Gordon	25 Anniversaries Charlotte & Bob Dowd	26 Hayley Ann Cutway Aubrey Keller Anniversaries: Kelly & Todd Hughes	27
28 Richard Young Anniversaries: Kim & William Eleazer Christian & Leslee Lengyel	29 Rebecca Eleazer Brenda Garver Charlie Love Louise Jackson Anniversaries: Renee & Tim Gallien	30 Kaitlynn Robinson				